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Via Electronic Mail Only

Dear Mr. Knox:

I am writing in response to your March 12, 2019 modified public records request for:

“I'd like a copy of all email correspondences between the governor's office and employees of Foxconn. I would also like a copy of any email correspondences between the governor's office and other state agencies that include the keywords 'Foxconn,' 'Mt. Pleasant Facility,' 'Mount Pleasant' or '13,000 jobs'” from 2015-2019.

I am denying your request because it is not reasonably specific and is unreasonably burdensome. Your request appears to cover any record over a four-year period for any and all employees of the previous administration, including communication with unnamed and unidentified personnel employed by a large organization and seemingly any Wisconsin government agency. This is an unduly burdensome request. *See State ex rel. Gehl v. Connors*, 2007 WI App 238, 306 Wis. 2d 247, 742 N.W.2d 530. Not only that, it lacks any reasonable specificity. Again, you have identified no specific people, only entities. The public records law requires requests to be reasonably specific as to the subject matter, and a records custodian is not expected to guess what records a requester is seeking. Wis. Stat. § 19.35(1)(h); *Seifert v. School Dist. of Sheboygan Falls*, 2007 WI App 207, ¶ 42, 749 N.W.2d 177. *State ex rel. Gehl v. Connors*, 2007 WI App 238, 306 Wis. 2d 247, 742 N.W.2d 530.

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.35(4)(b), the decision to deny your request as described above is subject to review by mandamus under Wis. Stat. § 19.37(1), or upon application to the attorney general or to your local district attorney.

Thank you for contacting the Office of Governor Tony Evers.

Sincerely,  
Erin Deeley  
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Office of Governor Tony Evers